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In Re Application of:

Richard Griffey et al.

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Application No.: 09/499,875

Group Art Unit: 1639

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For: OPTIMIZATION OF LIGAND AFFINITY FOR RNA TARGETS USING

MASS SPECTROMETRY

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	Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is:					
	A Preliminary Amendment.					
\boxtimes	An Amendment Responsive to the Office Action dated February 11, 2003.					
	An Amendment Supplemental to the Paper filed .					
	Other: .					
	Applicant(s) has previously claimed small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27.					
	Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27 as:					
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	This application is no longer entitled to small entity status. It is requested that this be noted in the files of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.						
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	Substitute Pages of the	ne Specification are enclosed.					
	An Abstract is enclosed.						
	Sheets of Proposed C	Corrected Drawings are enclose	d.				
	A Certified Copy of each of	the following applications:	is enclosed.				
	An Associate Power of Attorney is enclosed.						
	Information Disclosure Statement.						
	Attached Form 1449						
	A copy of each reference as listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.						
	Appended Material as follows: .						
	Other Material as follows:						

FEE CALCULATION

No Additional Fee is Due.

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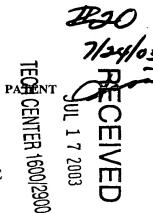
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REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.111

In response to the Official Action dated **February 11, 2003**, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below. A petition for extension of time for two (2) months through **July 11, 2003**, and the appropriate fee accompany this response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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